GOVERNMENT TRANSACTIONS

This section covers certain transactions of the Lebanese Government and of other governments and international agencies in Lebanon, not already mentioned either under merchandise trade, foreign travel or transportation. Specifically are included as a debit the Lebanese Government's expenditures abroad on diplomatic and consular representations, its contributions to international institutions, its scholarships to Lebanese students abroad, and its foreign debt payments; on the credit side are listed the receipts from governments' credits abroad, consulate receipts, royalties paid by concessionaires, local expenditures of international agencies, and the diplomatic, consular and cultural expenditures of foreign governments in Lebanon. To the latter, however, are not included those governments' donations for economic or technical assistance to those countries (technically "transfers", i.e., are transactions for which there is no quid pro quo whatever (cf. p. 48).

1. Debits

(a) The Lebanese Government's diplomatic and consular expenditures abroad are to early ascertained from the final budget accounts; they are stated at LL. 17 million in 1955 and LL. 19 million (including payments made on the government's account) in 1956. These figures include the country's annual financial contributions to international agencies. These contributions are so small that it has not been thought worthwhile to survey them.

(b) Government scholarships to Lebanese students abroad, together with small educational grants, totalled LL. 4.5 million in both 1955 and 1956. These include appropriations from the ministries of National Education and Agriculture and from the Directorate of Civil Aviation.

(c) In 1955, Lebanese [illegible] of the Egyptian exile officials, [illegible] and Sudan received a substantial proceeds on the con-

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ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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